



NATURAL GAS PUBLIC AWARENESS

Your awareness and understanding of pipelines will enhance your personal safety, as well as that of others. Pipelines are one of the safest modes of transporting natural gas, and the City of Louisburg is committed to safely operating its pipelines. There are several miles of natural gas pipelines in the City of Louisburg, and there is a very good chance that one exists near you, or even enters your home/business.

Natural gas is odorless, colorless, and lighter than air. If released in an open area outside of a structure or building, natural gas will rise and diffuse with air rapidly. If released in an enclosed area, natural gas will not diffuse as quickly, and could reach dangerously explosive levels in a shorter period of time. The "Gas Smell" most people associate with natural gas, is an odorant added by the City of Louisburg, and most likely will smell like rotten eggs. If you think you recognize a natural gas leak in or outside a structure, immediately leave the area and call the City of Louisburg at (913) 837-5371 from (7am to 4:30pm Monday-Friday) or call the City of Louisburg's emergency after-hours number at (913) 837-5371 option 1. You may also call 911.

The City of Louisburg responds to pipeline emergencies and performs the required maintenance on the gas lines located within the Right of Way / Easement. You are required to keep the area on either side of a pipeline, INCLUDING UTILITY METERS, within the Right of Way / Easement clear of obstructions, e.g., trees, shrubs, buildings, fences, structures or any other encroachments that might interfere with the access to the pipeline. Please contact the City of Louisburg at (913) 837-5371 if you have any questions concerning these issues.

WHAT NOT TO DO IF YOU SUSPECT A NATURAL GAS LEAK:

- **DO NOT** light a match, start an engine or automobile, use the telephone, use the doorbell, or switch an electric light switch on/off near the suspected emergency area.
- **DO NOT** light a cigarette or smoke in the area.
- **DO NOT** cause any friction that could cause a spark.
- **DO NOT** use **ANY** type of phone (including cell phones) while near the suspected emergency area.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU SUSPECT A NATURAL GAS LEAK:

- Immediately leave the area - on foot - in an upwind direction.
- Avoid potential ignition sources.
- Warn others to stay away from the area.
- From a safe distance, call 913-837-5371 or 911.

Natural gas leaks will take the path of least resistance, therefore will follow underground lines, and could migrate into your house/business. Also: Be cautiously aware of any gas smell around construction sites as this could be the result of a damaged line. For additional information call 913-837-5371.

EXCAVATOR REQUIREMENTS: CALL BEFORE YOU DIG! WAIT THE REQUIRED AMOUNT OF TIME BEFORE DIGGING! RESPECT THE MARKS! DIG WITH CARE!

DON'T FORGET, IT'S REQUIRED BY LAW TO CALL KANSAS ONE-CALL AT 1-800-344-7233 OR 811 BEFORE YOU DIG! ALSO: CHECK WITH THE CITY OF LOUISBURG FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY ENCROACHMENT REQUIREMENTS.